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Millennium Trail Now Complete

Area's First 10.6-mile Path That Circles City Is an Innovative 'Bicycle Beltway'

The City of Rockville has been rolling on its major bicycle network project. One significant component, the Millennium Trail, is now complete and the Mayor and Council in April awarded a construction contract for a final bicycle network project, a pedestrian/bike bridge over I-270.

On Saturday, May 6, the City will celebrate the completion of the Millennium Trail, a 10.6-mile "bicycle beltway" around the City. The innovative trail is the first of its kind in the Washington, D.C., area.

Citizens are invited to participate in several free events to celebrate the trail opening. A "fun run," bicycle ride and group walk will begin at staggered times starting at 8 a.m. At 10 a.m. there will be a ceremony to celebrate the opening of the trail. All activities will begin near the Falls Grove Clubhouse at 400 Casey Lane, behind the Colorplay sculpture.

The "Millennium Trail" earned its name in honor of its first major federal grant received in 2000. The majority of its funding—\$2.2 million from a total \$3 million—was through four grants from the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program.

The five-year project features mile markers and crosses four major roads in the City—Maryland Route 28, Rockville Pike, Interstate 270 and Falls Road. It is one part of the City's overall bikeway network that was approved in 1998.

"We are thrilled to announce the completion of the Millennium Trail, which is a major portion of the City's bicycle

network," said Betsy Thompson, a program development coordinator in the City's Department of Recreation and Parks. "Being able to easily travel around the City by bicycle or on foot is something that every citizen, young or old, can benefit from."

For the past 10 years, Thompson has overseen the development of the City's expansive 45-mile network of designated paths, trails and routes that provide safe and

easy ways for pedestrians and bicyclists to travel around the City.

New signs will be installed along the network in June, directing users to major points in Rockville. Future developments are required to connect to the network.

The final major component to the City's bicycle network will be the pedestrian/bike bridge over I-270 parallel to Maryland Route 28/West Montgomery Avenue. The project will be significantly funded by a \$3.8 million Federal Transportation Enhancement Program grant and is expected to be completed in 2007.

To help promote use of the Millennium Trail and bicycle network, the City has produced a free Bicycle Map that is available at its facilities and on its Web site.

The City also annually conducts a variety of bicycle events during "Bicycle Month" in May. For more details on this month's bicycle activities and tips on how to get started bicycling, see Page 6 of *Rockville Reports* or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/bicycling. **RR**

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— Betsy Thompson,
Recreation Program
Development Coordinator



The Montgomery County Council is supporting free parking for users of libraries, including the new Rockville Library, (under construction, above) scheduled to open later this year.

County Council Supports Free Library Parking Rockville Seeks to Provide Technology That Will Support Validation

The Montgomery County Council on April 4 approved a measure that will provide free parking for users of all 21 county libraries, including the new Rockville Library scheduled to open later this year as part of the redeveloped Rockville Town Center.

The City of Rockville will continue pursuing a parking system that would allow validation for users of the three public garages in the new downtown mixed development.

The new library will be the largest library in the Montgomery County system. Currently, the only the library in the county

to charge for parking is the Bethesda Library.

"Rockville is working with Town Center contractor, Whiting-Turner Construction, to find a vendor that can provide the type of parking system that meets the City's needs—and works with the county's desire to provide free parking for library users," said David Levy, Rockville's chief of Town Center redevelopment.

The Mayor and Council in March approved pursuing a parking system that would allow parkers to pay—either by cash, credit cards or "smart cards" charged in advance with

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monetary value—at centrally located multi-space pay stations in the garages. An additional customer convenience would have pay stations located around the Town Center area that are linked electronically to the stations in the garages. By knowing their space number, parkers will be able to add minutes from one of the remote boxes without having to return to the garage where their car was located.

The Mayor and Council also unanimously approved giving all Rockville households 20 hours of free parking as a way to promote Town Center during its initial months of operation. Parking will be free on Saturdays and Sundays. A rate of \$1 per hour will be charged for Town Center parking Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. **RR**

Rockville Well-Supported By State

The Mayor and Council of Rockville worked closely with the Maryland District 17 Delegation of Senator Jennie Forehand and Delegates Kumar Barve, Michael Gordon and Luiz Simmons during the 2006 session of the Maryland General Assembly to secure approximately \$7,150,000 in new funding for the City's FY 2007 budget year, which begins July 1.

In addition, the City learned it would receive \$1,703,000 in fund-

ing that was approved during the 2005 legislative session, but had not been released.

The combination of funds secured during the span of the session totals approximately \$8,853,000.

The funding approved for FY07 includes \$1.5 million for Town Center capital improvements; approximately \$3.4 million in Highway User Revenue that will go toward road-related projects; \$2

million in Program Open Space funding to be used for improvements for parks and recreational facilities; and \$250,000 toward construction of the future Thomas Farm Community Center.

The funds approved during the 2005 state legislative session and recently released were \$1.5 million for Town Center capital improvements and an additional \$203,000 in Highway User Revenue for street projects. **RR**

May's Best of Rockville

13 Mother's Day Princess Tea Party Crafts, games and tea party refreshments. 2-4 p.m. Twinbrook Recreation Center. \$12 residents/\$15 non-residents. Call 240-314-8830 for more information.

13 Peerless Rockville Homes and Hospitality Tour Visit eight homes in Rockville's historic West End neighborhood. 4-8 p.m. \$40 at the door. Call 301-762-0096 for more information.



27-29 Hometown Holidays "Blues Traveler" and "Andy Andy" concerts, Taste of Rockville, Ride for Rockville (left), Marketplace including Flower/Garden Show, arts and crafts, games and more. Rockville Town Center. 240-314-5022 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov for details.

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CITY SAYS FAREWELL TO TURNER... Craig Simoneau, Rockville's director of Public Works, left, presented Byron Turner, the City's operations maintenance superintendent, with a Certificate of Retirement in honor of his 37 years of service to the City. Turner retired on April 7.

During his tenure, Turner held six different positions in Public Works, moving up the ranks from store clerk (now stock-room), which distributes supplies to workers, to overseeing operations of major public works utility projects including streets, refuse and recycling services and general maintenance.

17th Rockville Science Day Blasts Off Sunday, May 7

Robots, rockets, chemical reactions and Mars would combine to be an intriguing science fiction novel. However, all of those things—and others ranging from homing pigeons to fluorescent minerals—will come to real life on Sunday, May 7, as part of the 17th annual Rockville Science Day at Montgomery College in Rockville.

This year's exploration of new fields and challenges will be held from 12 noon-5 p.m. The event, which has free admission and parking, annually attracts thousands for an afternoon of fun with math, science, experiments and a look at the future.

This year's event will include a tribute to Sheila Marshall, one of the event's organizers. The Rockville resident, who was dedicated to bringing the world of science to the curious of all ages, died unexpectedly in April.

This year's Science Day will strongly reflect Ms. Marshall's efforts to constantly add new exhibits. Among the new fea-

tures will be the mobile lab of the J. Craig Venter Institute. The Institute is a nonprofit research organization dedicated to the advancement of the science of genomics.

Also making a debut as part of Rockville Science Day will be the exhibition of homing pigeons. A demonstration will take place showing the remarkable way the pigeons travel long distances to designated home bases.

The wide variety of exhibits also will feature exotic birds; reptiles; solar, electric and hybrid cars; and the always popular rocket launching.

Rockville Science Day is organized by the Rockville Consortium for Science, which invites local scientists, historians, engineers and technology experts to bring their work to life, with hands-on science and technology activities for all ages.

For more information on Rockville Science Day, visit the event's Web site at www.rockvillescience.org. **RR**

New Town Center Street Named for William Gibbs

Rockville's Planning Commission, which has the authority to name new City streets, has voted to name a new street in Rockville Town Center "William Gibbs Street"—after a former Montgomery County schoolteacher who acted courageously and persistently to advance human rights.

In 1936, Mr. Gibbs accepted the role of litigant in *Gibbs v. Broome et al.* The court action, filed by Thurgood Marshall and

other NAACP attorneys, toppled a major wall by winning equal pay for black teachers. A settlement in the case led to the Montgomery County Board of Education establishing "a salary schedule for teachers without regard to race, creed or color."

The street had been tentatively named "Newmarket Street," but the Mayor and Council asked the Planning Board to consider an alternative name. **RR**

City Reorganizes Community Services

The City of Rockville will establish a new model for providing youth and community services to residents in Fiscal Year 2007, which begins on July 1, by reorganizing the Department of Community Services.

The new system will reach more people by utilizing group programming rather than concentrating on individualized services. It will offer services in multiple locations around Rockville.

Under this reorganization, there will be more focus on strategic planning and needs assessment, increased information and referral capacity and enhanced youth development services.

The reorganized system

will provide services to needy residents in a manner that is community oriented, rather than school-based.

Currently, youth programs are provided in a select number of schools. This limits the number of people who are served. Some schools do not have any services, while schools that are served do not have consistent services.

These changes will help the City reach more people in need. Services to the adult population also will receive additional emphasis.

To implement the services, the City will create a new Community Services Division in the Department of Recreation and Parks to re-

place the existing Department of Community Services. This division will include the current Linkages to Learning Program staff, a secretary and four new positions. Formal counseling services that are required components of an existing contract with Montgomery County and the State of Maryland will be provided through a qualified outside contractor.

Rockville's Department of Recreation and Parks has long-offered a wide variety of successful youth programs, in addition to senior social services. The changes will better serve more of Rockville's neediest residents. **RR**

Spring Cleaning? Reduce, Reuse or Recycle It!

Every Rockville resident and visitor can make a difference in how much waste is sent to area landfills by reducing, reusing and recycling as much waste as possible.

Recycling can help save collection costs. Montgomery County charges "tipping fees" to Rockville of \$52 per ton for general refuse brought for disposal, \$36 for leaves and yard waste. However, the city is not charged for paper, cardboard

or commingled (cans, bottles, etc.) items collected for recycling.

Recycling also benefits the environment. For example, it takes just one beer can between 200 to 500 years to decompose on its own, when it could be recycled into another product.

Spring is a time when many people in Rockville clean out unnecessary items in their homes. The City encourages residents to think of ways to reuse unneeded products or donate items such as

used clothes and electronic equipment to area nonprofit organizations.

In addition, below are some reminders for recycling in the City. All recyclables should be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on collection day unless otherwise noted.

For more information, or for answers to a specific recycling question, call the City's refuse and recycling hotline at 240-314-8568. **RR**

Yardwaste Recycling

Yardwaste is collected each week on recycling days. Place your containers or paper lawn bags at the curb by 6 a.m. Do not recycle items such as dirt, rocks and sod. Yardwaste is not collected in plastic bags and can not exceed 100 pounds.

- **LAWN AND GARDEN** materials such as grass clippings, leaves, weeds, flowers and garden waste should be placed in a 32-gallon container or in a biodegradable paper lawn bag.
- **TREES AND SHRUB** material, such as branches and prunings, should be placed in an easily emptied 32-gallon container or in piles not to exceed five feet in length and two feet in diameter.

DID YOU KNOW? The City does not require Montgomery County yardwaste stickers on yardwaste containers. Paper lawn bags are available for sale at the City cashier's office at Rockville City Hall. Call 240-314-8425 for more information.

Appliances/ Large Metal Items

Appliances and large metal items require a scheduled appointment for collection. Call 240-314-8569 weekdays, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., to schedule an appointment. Place items at the curb by 6 a.m. on the scheduled date.

- **APPLIANCES** such as washers/dryers, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, grills, water heaters and lawn mowers must have the oil and gas removed.
- **OTHER LARGE METAL ITEMS** such as doors, fencing, empty propane tanks, dismantled sheds and swing sets, automobile tire rims, hoods and fenders and doors must have all glass removed. Glass must be wrapped in paper and placed with refuse for collection. Fencing must be in sections no more than five feet long without concrete.

Hazardous Materials

Hazardous materials (HAZMAT) require a scheduled appointment for collection. Call 240-314-8569 weekdays, 7

a.m.-3 p.m., to schedule an appointment. Place items out by 6 a.m. on the scheduled date and location.

- **LIQUID/CHEMICALS** such as acids and caustics, cleaning chemicals, oil-based paint, pesticides, poisons, insecticides, pool chemicals, motor oil, aerosol cans (not empty) and antifreeze must be in original containers or in a clearly marked container. Place the container in a box labeled HAZMAT. Gasoline is not collected.
- **OTHER HAZMAT** items, such as car batteries and tires (rims removed), may be placed at the curb.

Comingle Recycling

The blue bin is for recycling clean tin, aluminum, foil and plastic bottles, cans and jars. Remove lids and place in bin.

Mixed Paper Recycling

Place in brown-paper bags or tie with twine and place at curb. Pilot program participants should place items in the brown cart.

Buckle Up: It is Police Chief's Challenge Time

The City of Rockville Police Department is joining the statewide 2006 Maryland Chief's Challenge campaign to increase the correct use of seatbelts and child safety seats and to remind people of the devices' life saving benefits.

The department designated April 6-June 6 as the Maryland Chief's Challenge months in Rockville. There is a banner on Maryland Avenue in Rockville Town Center reminding people to "buckle up." In addition, police are distributing information to community schools, businesses and churches.

Traffic related injuries are the leading cause of all injury deaths in America and the leading cause of death for people ages six through 33. By wearing a seatbelt correctly, people reduce their risk of fatal or serious injury by 45 to 55 percent.

In addition, child safety seats are the most effective occupant protection devices used in motor vehicles today, and when used correctly, they are 71 percent effective in reducing fatalities in children age five and younger.

"Through this program, we hope to continue to inform the public of the importance in wearing their safety belts and using car seats properly," said City of Rockville Police Chief Terry Treschuk. "It takes just a few extra seconds, but that decision could mean the difference between life and death."

Rockville has participated in the campaign since 1991.

For more information, call Police Sergeant Alan Rawlins at 240-314-8972 or contact him at arawlins@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**



Aging Gracefully: Planning For More Seniors in Rockville

Rockville's baby boomers are aging gracefully and all citizens are living longer. That means senior services will be important in the coming years.

To meet the future demands for services for the elderly and their caregivers, a 19-member task force, ranging in ages from the 20s-90s, has been meeting since January to study the future demographic trends in Rockville and Montgomery County. The task force will create a plan to address the needs of the community.

Census data in 2000 showed that the number of those 65 or older in Montgomery County

had grown by 26.7 percent during the previous decade—at a faster rate than any other age group. As "baby boomers" reach retirement age, the increases in the county's senior population will accelerate even more rapidly. By 2020 the growth is expected to top 75 percent.

The task force has formulated initial conclusions, is taking their recommendations to the Rockville community and will present the results of its work to the Rockville Mayor and Council in Fall 2006.

Along with planning to meet the needs of an aging population, the task force also wants

people to know that the Rockville Senior Center is the place for older adults to "add years to their life, and life to their years."

There are a variety of services for seniors of all abilities and interests. Along with the many special programs and drop-in activities, the center is a one-stop resource for anyone, regardless of age, who has questions or needs information about aging or caring for an older adult.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter or call 240-314-8800. **RR**

Senior Celebrations For 'Older Americans Month In Rockville'

The Rockville Senior Center will honor older Americans with an event at the center each day in May. Five of the major events are listed below. For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter or call 240-314-8800.

Rockville Senior Center Annual Gala and Dinner Dance Thursday, May 4

An evening of dinner, dancing and live entertainment to kick-off older Americans month. Tickets required.

National Senior Center Week May 14-20

Senior Centers around the country celebrate their members and draw attention to the programs, services and events that are offered to older members of the community.

Volunteer Appreciation Party Tuesday, May 16, 1 p.m. Carnation Room, Senior Center

The Senior Center honors its nearly 300 volunteers of the past year. The third annual presentation of the Estelle Berberian Volunteer of the Year award highlights the event. There will be a Corporate Award presentation and the Rockville Seniors, Inc. elections will be held.

Senior Center Spring Bazaar And Yard Sale Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Rockville Senior Center

The bi-annual Rockville Senior Center Bazaar and Yard Sale is a favorite of the



Pool is one of the many favorite activities for the hundreds of active seniors who use the Rockville Senior Center.

Rockville Community. Proceeds benefit Rockville Seniors, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to bettering the Rockville Senior Center. The 22nd Annual Spring Bazaar and Yard Sale will feature baked goods, household plants, homemade lunch, thrift and gift shop items, plants and more than 20 arts and crafts vendors.

Senior Center Health Fair Wednesday, May 31, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (10-11 a.m. fitness walk, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. fair) Rockville Senior Center

The fifth annual Rockville Senior Center Health Fair will kick-off with a fitness walk at 10 a.m., followed by a health fair from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The fair will include free screening stations for blood pressure, osteoporosis, glaucoma, hearing and vision. Free memory screening and fitness testing also will be offered for the first time this year.

In addition, for a fee, participants can get screening tests for cholesterol, carotid vascular, ankle brachial and abdominal aortic aneurysm.

Feria de la salud en el Centro para Adultos Mayores

Miércoles 31 de mayo de 11 a.m. a 2 p.m. (de 10-11 a.m.: caminata para el bienestar físico; de 11 a.m. a 2 p.m.: feria de la salud), en el Centro para Adultos Mayores de Rockville (Rockville Senior Center).

La quinta Feria Anual de la Salud del Centro para Adultos Mayores de Rockville se iniciará con una caminata para el bienestar a las 10 a.m., seguida de una feria de la salud de 11 a.m. a 2 p.m. La feria incluirá puestos para exámenes gratuitos de la presión arterial, la osteoporosis, el glaucoma, el oído y la visión. Este año también se ofrecerán por primera vez exámenes gratuitos de la memoria y el estado físico. Además, por un honorario, los participantes podrán someterse a pruebas de detección del colesterol, de los aneurismas de la aorta, la carótida y el abdomen, así como del índice tobillo braquial.

- Translated by
Victoria Imas-Duchovny



ROLLING INTO THE REFUSE AND RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM... Resident Qiaoz Zhang Mei rolls out her new refuse cart she received through the City's Refuse and Recycling pilot program. The pilot is running through January 2007 in 778 homes to test an alternative collection method in the City.

First Human Rights Essay Contest Deadline Is May 3

The City of Rockville's Human Rights Commission is inviting 11th and 12th grade students attending schools within the City of Rockville to participate in the first annual Rockville Human Rights Essay Contest.

In a minimum 500-word, typed and double-spaced essay, students must answer one of four questions on human rights topics. Contest topics refer to subjects such as world leaders and human rights issues in Rockville and around the world.

The Commission coordinated with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)

personnel to distribute the essay questions to students.

The deadline for submission is Wednesday, May 3. The first-place winner will receive \$500. The second-place winner will be given a \$250 award and third-place will earn a \$150 prize. Winners also will be recognized by the Mayor and Council and in City publications.

For more information or to pick up an entry form, students should contact their school liaison for the contest or call Janet Kelly at 240-314-8108. She also can be contacted at jkelly@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

TOWN CENTER ARTWORK: PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT

Public Invited to Comment on Town Square Art Proposals

Many enjoy the public art that can be seen throughout the City of Rockville. When the new Rockville Town Square development opens in the heart of Rockville's Town Center in late 2006, it too will be adorned with a variety of creative artwork that will embody the "who, what, where, when and why" of Rockville while celebrating the overall feel of Rockville Town Square.

A total of 26 finalists selected from 345 nationwide applicants have presented their ideas for nine public art projects for Rockville Town Square. Those projects range from sculptures to temporary wall murals. The total budget of \$474,000 is funded from the Town Square development project, the City's Art in Public Places

program and Art in Public Architecture project in the City's Capital Improvements program.

The public is invited to send comments on the proposed art projects to the Rockville Mayor and Council who, after considering the formal recommendations from the City's Cultural Arts Commission, will select the final pieces.

Models of the art projects, with accompanying comment boxes, are on display on the second and third floors of Rockville City Hall at 111 Maryland Avenue.

Comments also may be sent electronically. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/towncenter to view all of the project photos and send in your opinion. [RR](#)

Walking Tours of Town Square Construction To Be Held June 3

Get an up close view of the Rockville Town Square development coming to Rockville Town Center through special walking tours on Saturday, June 3.

The City's Neighborhood Resources Program, in conjunction with the Rockville Department of Community Planning and Development Services, will conduct the first-ever public walking tours of the new development.

The 45-minute walking tours are open to all interested Rockville residents and future residents of Rockville Town Square who are 18 years or older.

Residents are encouraged to register for a tour time in advance and arrive at least 15 minutes before departure.

Participants will meet at a welcome tent at the corner of Maryland Avenue and Middle Lane. All participants must wear closed-toe shoes and will be provided hardhats. Everyone also must sign a waiver to enter the construction site.

Parking is available at City Hall, at no cost, or in the Regal Row parking lot for a fee.

To register for a tour, contact Maria Broadbent at 240-314-8345 or at mbroadbent@rockvillemd.gov. [RR](#)

Description: Six Grills Over Parking Garage Vents
Location: North Washington Street Facade 1
Budget: \$90,000



Selected finalists David Hess of Phoenix, Md., Ed McGowin and Claudia DeMonte of New York, N.Y. and Arlene Slavin of New York, N.Y. will construct and present art proposals after the final design for the grills has been determined this spring.

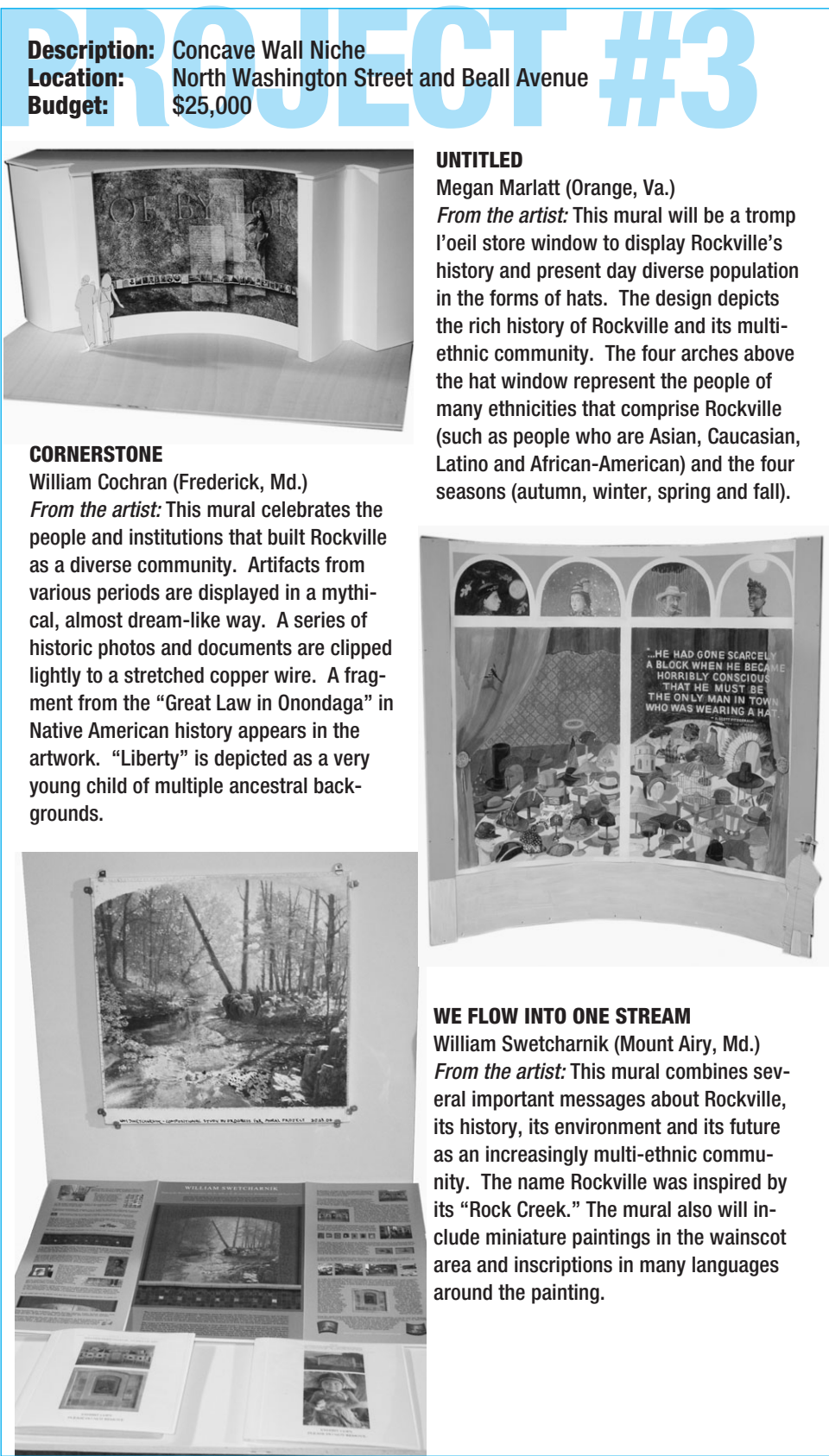
Description: Three Architectural Niches
Location: North Washington Street Facade 2
Budget: \$60,000



UNTITLED
Dayton Claudio (Chico, Calif.)
From the artist: The wall reliefs create a striking visual presence with color and texture to accentuate the niches on the building. One theme is a Maryland countryside using imagery of indigenous leaves and flowers. Another is "Town Center" including imagery of a gridded plaza floor and details of the old Red Brick Courthouse. There is some brick texture woven into the surface to tie into the surface of the building facade.

ROCKVILLE ICONS
John Himmelfarb (Chicago, Ill.)
From the artist: Each icon in the three ceramic tile murals is inspired by some "piece" of Rockville—its people, environment and history. Altogether, these pieces add up to show the rich mosaic of Rockville. This style of creating a patchwork of imagery also relates to the regional quilting tradition.

Description: Concave Wall Niche
Location: North Washington Street and Beall Avenue
Budget: \$25,000



UNTITLED
Megan Marlatt (Orange, Va.)
From the artist: This mural will be a tromp l'oeil store window to display Rockville's history and present day diverse population in the forms of hats. The design depicts the rich history of Rockville and its multi-ethnic community. The four arches above the hat window represent the people of many ethnicities that comprise Rockville (such as people who are Asian, Caucasian, Latino and African-American) and the four seasons (autumn, winter, spring and fall).

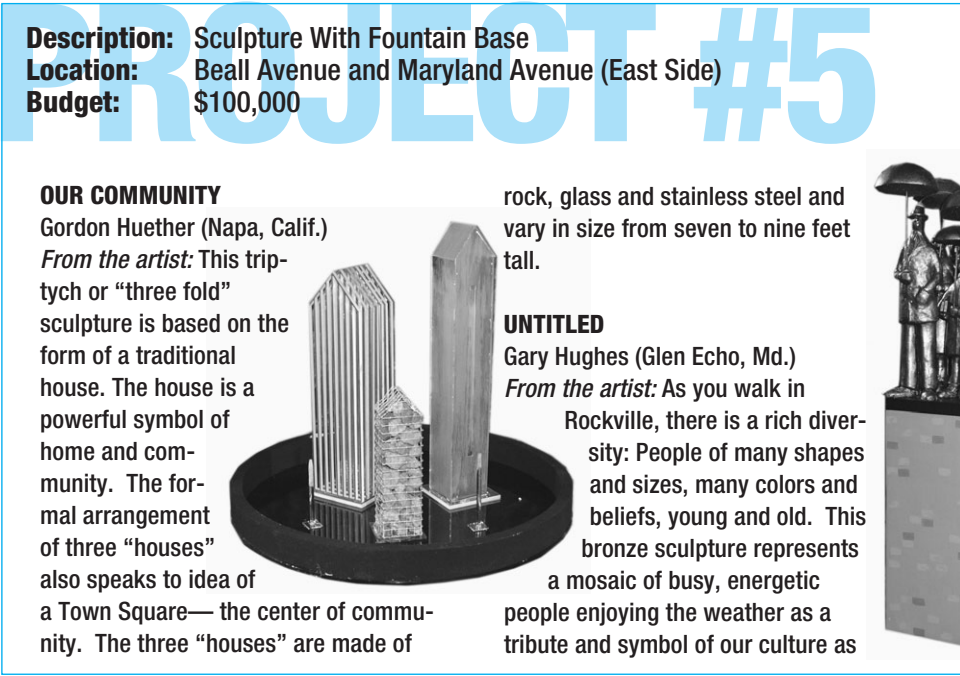
CORNERSTONE
William Cochran (Frederick, Md.)
From the artist: This mural celebrates the people and institutions that built Rockville as a diverse community. Artifacts from various periods are displayed in a mythical, almost dream-like way. A series of historic photos and documents are clipped lightly to a stretched copper wire. A fragment from the "Great Law in Onondaga" in Native American history appears in the artwork. "Liberty" is depicted as a very young child of multiple ancestral backgrounds.

WE FLOW INTO ONE STREAM
William Swetcharnik (Mount Airy, Md.)
From the artist: This mural combines several important messages about Rockville, its history, its environment and its future as an increasingly multi-ethnic community. The name Rockville was inspired by its "Rock Creek." The mural also will include miniature paintings in the wainscot area and inscriptions in many languages around the painting.

Comments may be sent electronically. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/towncenter to view ALL of the projects and send in your opinion.

Note: Models of projects #1, #2, #7 and #9 were unavailable at *Rockville Reports* press time.

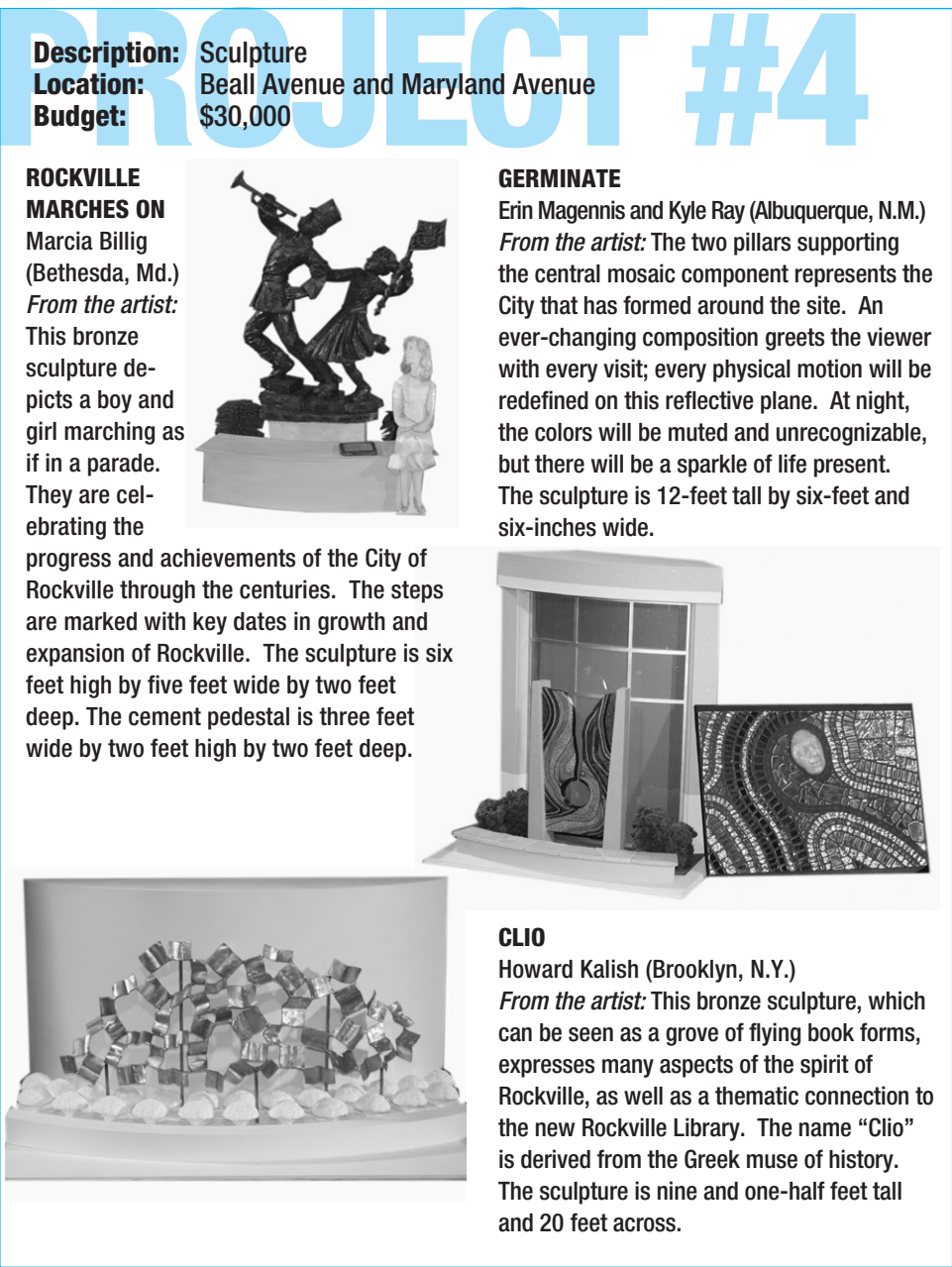
Description: Sculpture With Fountain Base
Location: Beall Avenue and Maryland Avenue (East Side)
Budget: \$100,000



OUR COMMUNITY
Gordon Huether (Napa, Calif.)
From the artist: This triptych or "three fold" sculpture is based on the form of a traditional house. The house is a powerful symbol of home and community. The formal arrangement of three "houses" also speaks to idea of a Town Square—the center of community. The three "houses" are made of rock, glass and stainless steel and vary in size from seven to nine feet tall.

UNTITLED
Gary Hughes (Glen Echo, Md.)
From the artist: As you walk in Rockville, there is a rich diversity: People of many shapes and sizes, many colors and beliefs, young and old. This bronze sculpture represents a mosaic of busy, energetic people enjoying the weather as a tribute and symbol of our culture as

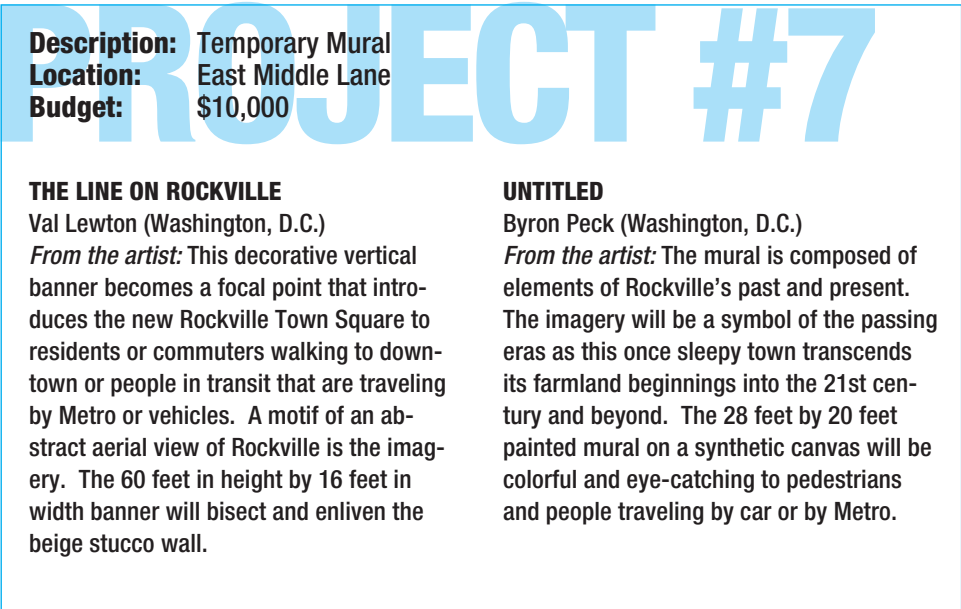
Description: Sculpture
Location: Beall Avenue and Maryland Avenue
Budget: \$30,000



ROCKVILLE MARCHES ON
Marcia Billig (Bethesda, Md.)
From the artist: This bronze sculpture depicts a boy and girl marching as if in a parade. They are celebrating the progress and achievements of the City of Rockville through the centuries. The steps are marked with key dates in growth and expansion of Rockville. The sculpture is six feet high by five feet wide by two feet deep. The cement pedestal is three feet wide by two feet high by two feet deep.

CLIO
Howard Kalish (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
From the artist: This bronze sculpture, which can be seen as a grove of flying book forms, expresses many aspects of the spirit of Rockville, as well as a thematic connection to the new Rockville Library. The name "Clio" is derived from the Greek muse of history. The sculpture is nine and one-half feet tall and 20 feet across.

Description: Temporary Mural
Location: East Middle Lane
Budget: \$10,000

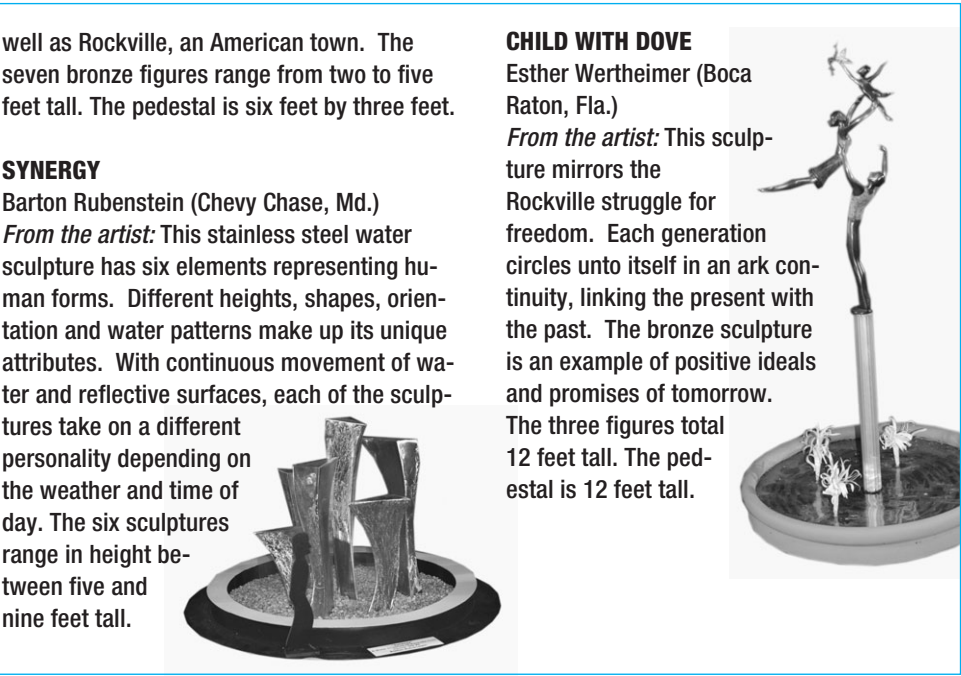


THE LINE ON ROCKVILLE
Val Lewton (Washington, D.C.)
From the artist: This decorative vertical banner becomes a focal point that introduces the new Rockville Town Square to residents or commuters walking to downtown or people in transit that are traveling by Metro or vehicles. A motif of an abstract aerial view of Rockville is the imagery. The 60 feet in height by 16 feet in width banner will bisect and enliven the beige stucco wall.

UNTITLED
Byron Peck (Washington, D.C.)
From the artist: The mural is composed of elements of Rockville's past and present. The imagery will be a symbol of the passing eras as this once sleepy town transcends its farmland beginnings into the 21st century and beyond. The 28 feet by 20 feet painted mural on a synthetic canvas will be colorful and eye-catching to pedestrians and people traveling by car or by Metro.

well as Rockville, an American town. The seven bronze figures range from two to five feet tall. The pedestal is six feet by three feet.

SYNERGY
Barton Rubenstein (Chevy Chase, Md.)
From the artist: This stainless steel water sculpture has six elements representing human forms. Different heights, shapes, orientation and water patterns make up its unique attributes. With continuous movement of water and reflective surfaces, each of the sculptures take on a different personality depending on the weather and time of day. The six sculptures range in height between five and nine feet tall.



CHILD WITH DOVE
Esther Wertheimer (Boca Raton, Fla.)
From the artist: This sculpture mirrors the Rockville struggle for freedom. Each generation circles unto itself in an ark continuity, linking the present with the past. The bronze sculpture is an example of positive ideals and promises of tomorrow. The three figures total 12 feet tall. The pedestal is 12 feet tall.

Description: Facade Treatment
Location: Hungerford Drive Parking Garage
Budget: \$80,000



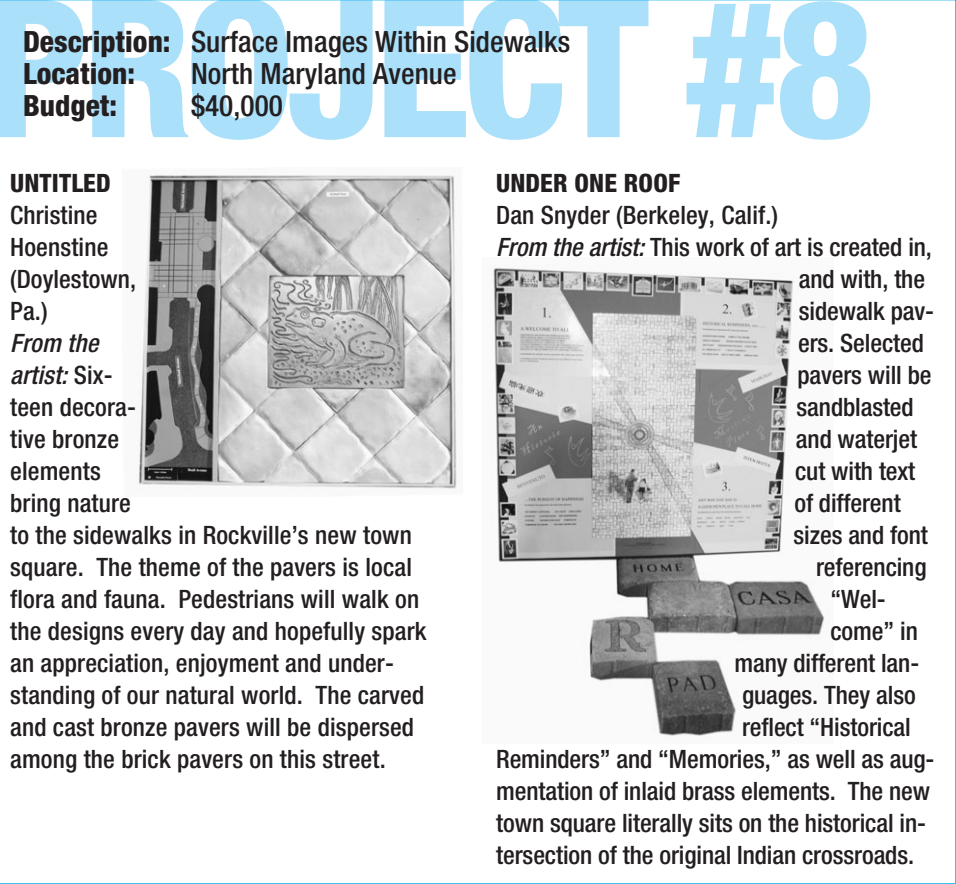
chitecture, injecting the landscape both day and night with energy, evoking Rockville's pioneering spirit in the technology and scientific fields. The 16 feet high by 30 feet wide by four feet deep sculpture will be mounted above the crossroad in the center of Rockville.

DRIVING THE FUTURE OF ROCKVILLE
Gordon Huether (Napa, Calif.)
From the artist: This sculpture takes a segment of a map from 1960 and transcribes it into a 22 feet high by seven feet wide wall-mounted element. Super imposed, layered on a different plane, is a map of the exact same area in the present day. The multiple layers of steel will be bright yellow, red and blue representing the full spectrum of color as a metaphor for the highly diverse culture of Rockville.

CROSSROADS
Craig Kraft (Washington, D.C.)
From the artist: Rockville is and has always been an important crossroad community. This neon glass and aluminum sculpture will reflect off the existing architecture, injecting the landscape both day and night with energy, evoking Rockville's pioneering spirit in the technology and scientific fields. The 16 feet high by 30 feet wide by four feet deep sculpture will be mounted above the crossroad in the center of Rockville.

THE SPIRIT OF ROCKVILLE TAKES FLIGHT
Deirdre Saunder (Potomac, Md.)
From the artist: This mosaic glass tile sculpture depicts soaring birds. The bird is a unifying, universal symbol with powerful yet varied significance to so many different cultures. The bird is both calming and uplifting, in contrast to the hustle and bustle of modern life. The iridized tile changes color as it is viewed from different angles, different times of the day, and in different weather conditions. It thus represents movement of time.

Description: Surface Images Within Sidewalks
Location: North Maryland Avenue
Budget: \$40,000



UNTITLED
Christine Hoenstine (Doylestown, Pa.)
From the artist: Sixteen decorative bronze elements bring nature to the sidewalks in Rockville's new town square. The theme of the pavers is local flora and fauna. Pedestrians will walk on the designs every day and hopefully spark an appreciation, enjoyment and understanding of our natural world. The carved and cast bronze pavers will be dispersed among the brick pavers on this street.

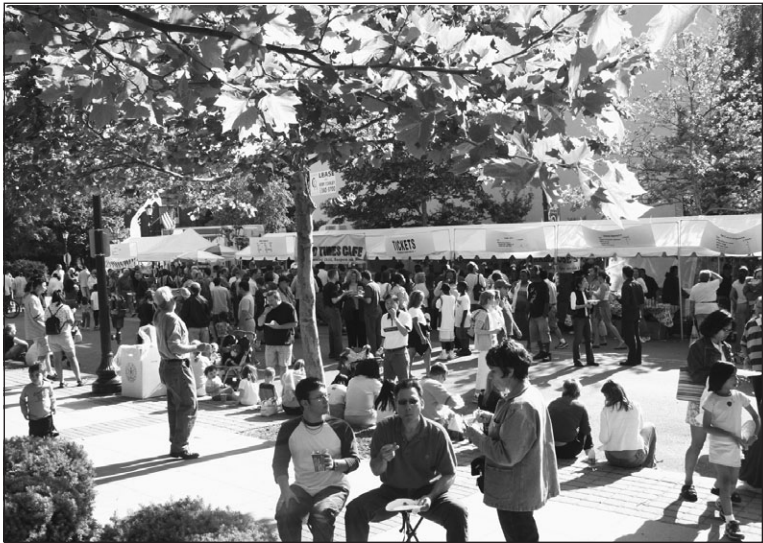
UNDER ONE ROOF
Dan Snyder (Berkeley, Calif.)
From the artist: This work of art is created in, and with, the sidewalk pavers. Selected pavers will be sandblasted and waterjet cut with text of different sizes and font referencing "Welcome" in many different languages. They also reflect "Historical Reminders" and "Memories," as well as augmentation of inlaid brass elements. The new town square literally sits on the historical intersection of the original Indian crossroads.

Description: A Series of Separate Elements
Location: William Gibbs Street (formerly Newmarket Street)
Budget: \$40,000



LET'S GET TOGETHER
Nancy Frankel (Kensington, Md.)
From the artist: Rockville is a diverse community. This work of art consists of three sets of double, painted, welded metal sculptures. The three-quarters life size, abstract human figures will be set on concrete pedestals. Welded on the pedestals surfaces will be everyday words of greeting and conversation in several languages.

UNTITLED
Charles Partin (New Port Richey, Fla.)
From the artist: This brick carved sculpture represents three elements. The elements represent the crossroads of Rockville during different periods of time—past, present and future. Imagery includes Rockville's variety of modes of transportation and development.



The Taste of Rockville is one popular part of Rockville's annual Hometown Holidays celebration on Memorial Day Weekend.

Marketplace Opens for Business at Rockville's Hometown Holidays

'Andy Andy' and 'Blues Traveler' Highlight Weekend Free Concerts

A new "Marketplace" featuring artists' wares and commercial goods for sale will coincide with two days of entertainment at the area's biggest Memorial Day Weekend bash, Rockville's annual Hometown Holidays celebration.

Popular Latino singer "Andy Andy" will headline Saturday's diverse array of musical entertainment, which also will feature Wong Chinese Lion Dancers and Kung Fu Demonstrations, Soul In Motion Players, Inc.'s West African performances, The Crowdaddies and the Reagan Years from 5-10 p.m.

Accompanying the three stages of music will be hand-made pottery, jewelry, sculpture, paintings and photography, as well as everything from CDs to vacation information at the Marketplace. Hometown Holidays attendees also can experience a "Taste of Rockville," which features food from 30 local restaurants for sale.

On Sunday, following the fifth annual Ride for Rockville Tour from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., the Marketplace will return from 2-

10 p.m. along side the Taste of Rockville and the second annual Flower and Garden Show offering shrubs, trees, annuals and perennials for purchase.

The weekend's entertainment will hit a high note as Blues Traveler performs live on the main stage on Sunday, May 28, at 8:30 p.m. after the opening performance of the Kelly Bell Band at 6:30 p.m.

On Monday, May 29, the area's largest Memorial Day parade will dominate Town Center as the 62nd annual Rockville Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade pays tribute to "Veterans Still Serving." Parade Grand Marshal Dave Collins of American Legion Post 86 will speak on volunteer service of veterans in Rockville.

The Memorial Day ceremony and grandstand will be located on the steps of the Red Brick Courthouse. The parade will begin at the corner of Martins Lane and North Washington Street.

For the most up-to-date information on Hometown Holidays, visit www.rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

Rockville's July 4 Celebration Moves to Montgomery College

Rockville's Independence Day celebration, which for decades has been one of the biggest in Washington metropolitan area suburbs, will be moving to a new home for 2006: The Rockville campus of Montgomery College.

The celebration, which traditionally has included music and food vendors preceding an elaborate fireworks display on the grounds of Richard Montgomery High School, will again

have stages headlined by entertainment for the entire family. However, the former recreation grounds of Richard Montgomery are currently the construction site of what will be a new high school, necessitating the location change.

Spectator viewing for fireworks on this July 4 will be from the Montgomery College football stadium and from the parking lot directly in front of the college's Robert E. Parilla

Performing Arts Center. The college is accessible from Maryland Route 355 and from Manatee Street.

An entertainment stage in the football stadium will feature the Rockville Concert Band and the Dixie Rascals starting at 7 p.m. A stage near the Performing Arts Center will feature local contemporary music.

All events and parking are free. Fireworks are scheduled for 9:30 p.m. **RR**



May Events Show How to "Two-Wheel" Around

TUESDAY, MAY 2 – Lance Armstrong's Tour of Hope Speaker Keith Bellizzi
Bellizzi discusses his ride from California to Washington, D.C., spreading the message of hope for cancer survivors. 7:30 p.m., Montgomery County Executive Office Building. **FREE**

THURSDAY, MAY 4 – Bike Repair
Learn how to repair your own bicycle. 7 p.m., King Farm Clubhouse. \$10 residents/ \$15 nonresidents

SATURDAY, MAY 6 – Millennium Trail Fun Run/Walk/Bike
Celebrate the completion of the Rockville 10.6-mile Millennium Trail. 8 a.m. Starts at Falls Grove Clubhouse. **FREE**

SUNDAY, MAY 7 – C&O Canal Bike Series #4: Williamsport, Md., to Shepherdstown, W. Va.
Enjoy a bicycle ride along 26 miles of the historic C&O Canal. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Departs from City Hall. \$34 residents/\$42 nonresidents

FRIDAY, MAY 19 – Bike to Work Day
Try bike riding to work through support of special pit-stops throughout the area. 7-9 a.m. Rockville "Pit-stops" will be located in Falls Grove and Rockville Town Center. **FREE**

SUNDAY, MAY 28 – Ride for Rockville
25-mile and 10-mile fundraising rides for all ages to support Rockville's Bike Fund and Youth Recreation Fund. 8 a.m. (25-mile ride), 8:30 a.m. (10-mile ride). Rockville Town Center. \$25-\$45 for adults/\$15-\$30 for children, depending on registration date.

For more information call 240-314-8620 or register on-line at www.rockvillemd.gov (click-on RockEnroll)

Mark Mother's Day Like a Princess at Twinbrook Recreation Center May 13

The Twinbrook Community Recreation Center will host mothers, daughters, granddaughters, aunts, and cousins— whole families of princesses— at its third annual Princess Tea Party on Saturday, May 13, from 2-4 p.m.

The event will feature an afternoon of crafts, games and tea

party refreshments. Attendees are encouraged to wear a costume representing their favorite fairy tale character.

Children must be at least 3 years old and attend with an adult. Cost is per person and is \$12 per resident, \$15 for non-residents. Registration can be

done through Rock Enroll online at the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov. (Program No. 18828).

The Twinbrook Community Recreation Center is located at 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. Call 240-314-8830 for more information. **RR**

Peerless Rockville Hosts Annual Spring Homes and Hospitality Tour

Peerless Rockville will host its annual Homes & Hospitality Tour on Saturday, May 13, from 4-8 p.m. Guests can tour at their own pace through eight historic and/or unique homes and gardens in Rockville's West End neighborhood, while enjoying great food, live music and good company.

Gourmet hors d'oeuvres and desserts catered by Rockville restaurants will be

served at each of the homes. Construction dates for the homes range from 1874 to 2002.

"The first Homes and Hospitality Tour was a great success," said Denny Freezer, a Peerless volunteer. "We expect even more people to enjoy the event again this year. It is a unique opportunity to see some of Rockville's past up close."

Admission is \$40 and can be

paid at the door. For further information, call 301-762-0096, visit www.peerlessrockville.org or email manager@peerlessrockville.org

To become a sponsor or supporter of the tour, contact Peerless Rockville at 301-762-0096. Proceeds from this event will benefit the excellent preservation and education work of Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd. **RR**

Spring Collage Festival

Sunday, May 7 • 1 to 5 p.m.
Rockville Civic Center Park (Edmonston Dr. & Baltimore Rd.) • 240-314-8770 • www.rockvillemd.gov

Celebrate Spring and explore the Nature Center and the JGH Forest Preserve Trails.

Free:	For Sale:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytelling and Fairy Fun • Facepainting • Music • Sample Fair-Trade Coffee • Demos by Mont. County Beekeepers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Arts and Crafts • Native Plants • Color a T-shirt • Paint a Toad Abode • Bark - Premium Natural Pet Food

Sponsored by:

Proceeds support Rockville Croydon Creek Nature Center's mission of promoting and enhancing the knowledge, understanding, appreciation and protection of the natural resources through quality interpretive programs and exhibits for the citizens of Rockville.

In Brief

Nominate Rockville Good Neighbors

Applications are currently being accepted for the fourth annual Rockville "Good Neighbor Awards."

Rockville residents who after July 2005 made a significant contribution to the community, a neighbor or to the City in general may be eligible.

To nominate an adult or youth for an award, or for more information, call 240-314-8343 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/ncs/gnaward.htm

CALL **240-314-8343** FOR INFO

Rockville's Camps Make Summer Cool

Opportunities to participate in Rockville's Summer Camps scheduled to begin in June are still available.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov and click on Rock Enroll, pick up a Summer Camps Guide, or call 240-314-8620 for more information.

CALL **240-314-8620** FOR INFO

Pollution Hotline: 240-314-8348

Everyone can assist with keeping the City's waterways clean by being vigilant when near creeks, streams or storm drains.

Anyone observing or smelling something improper in or near the water, or seeing someone dumping something into the water, should call the City's automated pollution hotline at 240-314-8348. The caller should leave a message with as much information as possible, including a description of the substance (if known) and the exact location, so the City can respond swiftly if it is an emergency and/or investigate the concern.

CALL **240-314-8348** FOR INFO

City Summer Camp Positions Available

The Department of Recreation and Parks is currently accepting applications for energetic, fun-long, creative and enthusiastic camp leaders and directors.

Most programs begin in

June, with training prior to that. Salaries are competitive. For details on available positions and application instructions, call 240-314-5037.

CALL **240-314-5037** FOR INFO

Time to Volunteer

Montgomery County's 2006 Volunteer Weekend is May 6-7. A variety of sites and projects will be available throughout Rockville.

Join hundreds of neighbors for indoor and outdoor projects. All are approved for Student Service Learning credits. For more information, check www.montgomeryvolunteer.org.

CALL **240-777-2900** FOR INFO

Tee Off at Rockville's RedGate Golf Course

Rockville's RedGate Golf Course is one of the area's best public challenges for golfers of all skill levels, and it has never been in better shape for spring.

Nestled behind the trees on Avery Road and conveniently located off of Route 28, the



FARMERS' MARKET OPENING FOR BUSINESS...The Rockville Growers Only Farmers' Market will return starting Saturday, May 13 through Oct. 28. It is located in the parking lot at the corner of Jefferson Street (Maryland Route 28) and Monroe Street from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each Saturday. Some of the area's freshest fruits, vegetables, perennial and cut flowers and baked goods are among the items sold. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/events/farmers.htm for more information.

course features 18 challenging holes, a renown pro shop, snack bar and free practice area. RedGate offers a frequent player promotion, which provides the purchase of 14 rounds of 18 holes for the price of 10. The cost is only \$360 for resi-

dents (\$400 non-residents) and can be played Monday-Sunday.

For more information, including to reserve a tee time up to 14 days in advance, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/redgate.

CALL **240-314-8730** FOR INFO

CITY

7 Pitch, Hit and Run Contest

A program showcasing the talents of youth ages 7-14 and encouraging participation in baseball. 12:30 p.m. Dogwood Park, 800 Monroe Street. FREE.

12,16 MOBY Medical

Clinic Primary medical care to the low-income, uninsured, working-poor and homeless in Montgomery County. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Lincoln Park Community Recreation Center. 301-493-2400

13 Mother's Day Princess

Crafts, games and tea party refreshments. 2-4 p.m. Twinbrook Recreation Center. \$12 RES/\$15 NR. 240-314-8830

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Rockville Growers Only Farmers' Market Local farmers and merchants sell fresh fruits, vegetables, breads, flowers and more every Saturday through October. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Route 28 and Monroe Street. Free parking. 240-314-5022

13 Peerless Rockville Homes and Hospitality Tour

Visit eight homes in Rockville's historic West End neighborhood. 4-8 p.m. \$40 at the door. 301-762-0096

13 Off-Leash Dog Testing

Tests to see if City dogs can be walked without a leash. Call to register as date is subject to change. 10 a.m. Swim Center Outdoor Entrance Parking Lot. 240-314-8930

19 Bike to Work Day

Try bicycling to work in Rockville. 7-9 a.m. "Pit stops" at the Rockville Regional Transportation Center and the Red Brick Courthouse in Rockville Town Center. FREE. 240-314-8626

20 Spring Bazaar and Yard Sale

Shop for affordably priced handmade crafts, thrift and gift items, plants, computers, books and baked goods. Proceeds benefit the Rockville Senior Center. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Rockville Senior Center. 240-314-8800

27-29 Hometown Holidays

Free concerts highlighted by "Andy Andy" (Saturday, May 27) and "Blues Traveler" (Sunday, May 28).

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calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

Also features Taste of Rockville, Market Place including Flower/Garden Show, arts and crafts, games and more. Rockville Town Center. 240-314-5022 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov for details.

28 Ride for Rockville

8 a.m.-2 p.m. Organized at Rockville Town Center at Maryland Avenue and East Montgomery Avenue. Registration for 10-and 25-mile rides is \$35 adults and \$25 for children 12 and under until May 26. Late registration is \$45 adults and \$30 children. 240-314-5022

29 62nd Annual Rockville Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade

9-10:30 a.m. ceremony, 10:30 a.m. parade starts. Grandstand in front of Red Brick Courthouse in Courthouse Square. Rockville Town Center. FREE. 240-314-5022

ARTS

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville's Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

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Rockville Little Theatre: The Winslow Boy 8 p.m. (Sun. at 2 p.m.) F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. \$14 adults; \$12 seniors (62 and older) and students with ID; \$7 children (12 and under). 240-314-8690.

7-30

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery: Rockville Art League Opening reception, May 7, 1-4 p.m. Glenview Mansion. FREE. 240-314-8660.

7 Sunday Afternoon Concert Series: Rockville Singers

2 p.m. Glenview Mansion. 240-314-8682.

14 Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra

7 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Call for ticket information 240-314-8690.

21 Rockville Chorus Concert

7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. FREE. 240-314-8660.

NATURE

All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

7 Spring Collage Festival

Native plants and arts and crafts from local artists for sale. Maryland Mid-Atlantic D.O.G.S. search and rescue demonstration. Proceeds benefit Croydon Creek Nature Center programs/services. 1-5 p.m. FREE

10 Tiny Tot Walk - Seahorse

Fun Dive into the fascinating world of these unique sea creatures, where the daddies carry the babies in a special pouch. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 1 1/2-2. \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

10 Tyke Hike- Seahorse Fun

1-2 p.m. Ages 3-5. \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

12 Mom's Day Mission

Reading of "Are You My Mother?" by P.D. Eastman. Take a hike and make a craft for mom. Children under 5 must bring an adult (other than mom). 4-5 p.m. Ages 3-10. \$7 RES/\$8 NR.

14 Teatime with Turtles

— A special Mother's Day morning for children and their moms with the center's box turtle Rover. Enjoy a cup of tea and make a craft. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 3-over. \$8 RES/\$9 NR (fee includes one child and one mom)

SENIORS

All programs are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800

1 Once Upon A Time 10:15-11:15 a.m. FREE.

2 Nutrition: Separating Fact from Fiction 1-2 p.m. FREE

3 May Birthday and Anniversary Party 1:30-3 p.m. FREE. Register by April 26.

4 Senior May Gala

5:15-9 p.m. \$36 MEM/\$45 NM.

5 Short Story Writing

10:15 a.m.-12 noon. FREE. Register by April 28.

8 Shade Gardening

10-11 a.m. \$2 MEM/\$4 NM. Register by May 1.

9 Dr. Gridlock

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Register by May 2.

9-16 Computers: E-mail

10 a.m.-12 noon \$23 MEM/\$27 NM

9-16 Digital Photography-Intermediate

1-3 p.m. \$35 MEM/\$40 NM

11 In The Kitchen With Judy-

Tropical Buffet 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$26 MEM/\$30 NM. Register by May 4.

15-17 Computers-Simple

Word Processing 1-3 p.m. \$8 MEM/\$10 NM

17 Protect Against Asset Theft

1-3 p.m. FREE

17 The Jefferson Café-Free-

thinkers 1-2:30 p.m. FREE. Register by May 10.

18 Counting Sheep?

1-2 p.m. FREE

31 Senior Center Health Fair

11 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE, except for some screenings

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

6 Board of Appeals, 9:30 a.m.

9 Human Services Advisory Commission, 7:30 p.m., Senior Center

9 Commission on the Environment, 7:30 p.m.

9 Bike Advisory Commission, 7:15 p.m.

10 Sign Review Board, 4 p.m. (held as needed)

10 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

10 Cultural Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

16 Rockville Seniors, Inc., 1 p.m., Senior Center

16 Town Center Action Team, 7 p.m., Room 105, Red Brick Courthouse

17 Rockville Housing Enterprises, 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Park Community Center

18 Rockville Sister City Corporation, 7:30 p.m.

18 Senior Citizens Commission, 10 a.m., Senior Center

18 Historic District Commission, 7 p.m., Senior Center

19 Rockville Economic Development, Inc. Board Meeting, 7:30 a.m., 95 Monroe Street (call 301-315-8096)

24 Human Rights Commission, 7:30 p.m.

23 Traffic and Transportation Commission, 7:30 p.m.

24 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

25 Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, 7 p.m., RedGate Municipal Golf Course

Corrected Identification

Maryland State Delegate Paul G. Pinsky of District 22 in Prince George's County was misidentified in a photo in the April edition of *Rockville Reports*. Delegate Pinsky was photographed meeting with members of Rockville's Mayor and Council at March's Rockville Day in Annapolis event during the 2006 General Assembly session.

Rockville Up Close: Rockville Volunteer Fire Department

Residents help shape Rockville through involvement with neighborhood and civic associations and participation on Mayor and Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. On a regular basis, Rockville Up Close will take an in-depth look at these organizations.

The Rockville Volunteer Fire Department is celebrating 85 years of volunteer service to the Rockville community this year. The department became the third volunteer fire department in Montgomery County on March 21, 1921.

What started off as a modest, small-town volunteer fire department has today become one of the largest and busiest fire departments in the country. More than 225 volunteer men and women, serve side by side with career firefighters from Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service.

The department operates four stations with more than 30 pieces of apparatus ready



A member of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department leads a demonstration in Rockville Town Center.

to respond to accident scenes, building fires and other emergencies. Last year the Rockville department responded to more than 24,000 calls for service with the majority being emergency medical service responses.

The department is comprised of volunteers who

spend their days, nights and weekends at the firehouse in order to effectively protect the City and surrounding communities. The average volunteer contributes 650 hours per year.

More than 275 volunteers, career firefighters, guests, dignitaries and politicians attended a gala in the

department's honor on March 25.

"These men and women from our community have served the City of Rockville and Montgomery County honorably, courageously and continuously for over 85 years and will continue to do so for many more years to come," Eric N. Bernard, president of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, told the crowd. "I have nothing but pride and admiration for these volunteers who make the RVFD what it is today."

The RVFD is in the process of raising \$6 million dollars to renovate its headquarters station on Hungerford Drive in Rockville Town Center. The renovation will completely transform the 42-year-old station into a modern facility able to house the burgeoning department.

Residents interested in supporting the campaign or becoming a volunteer for the department should call 301-455-6638. [RR](#)

Volunteer Time: Volunteer Link

There are many ways to share talent, experience, expertise and time with individuals or organizations by volunteering in the City. Each month "Volunteer Time" highlights a different opportunity to promote an interest in giving back to the community.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington has launched a new "Jewish Volunteer Connection," a free public service that allows people to share their time, skills and friendship with others in the community who are in need.

The Jewish Volunteer Connection links volunteers of all ages with volunteer opportunities of all kinds – from one-time events to long-term commitments.

"The Volunteer Connection is designed to help volunteers utilize their skills and interests in a way best suited for them, as well as provide an opportunity for volunteers to meet new people in the community and have fun," said Diane Greenspun, chairperson of the Volunteer Connection Advisory Committee.

Examples of volunteer opportunities available through the new service are: Nursing Home visitors; Meals on Wheel drivers; Hospice Care; Shalom Baby /ShalomDC: administrative help, literacy training–Special Friends, Friendly Visitors and Washington D.C. Jewish Community Center: Behrend Builders. There also are Student Service Learning and group opportunities.

For information on how to volunteer in the community, contact Sam Rosenbaum, a volunteer coordinator, at 888-246-1818 or via email at Volunteer@ShalomDC.org.

The Jewish Federation is a community-building organization that cares for those in need. Visit www.ShalomDC.org for more information. [RR](#)

The Rockville Channel Celebrates 'History Month' with Special Programs

May is National Historic Preservation Month, and that theme will be reflected in programming on The Rockville Channel (TRC, cable channel 11).

Two of the programs are part of an educational series co-sponsored by Rockville's Historic District Commission and Peerless Rockville, the independent organization dedicated to preserving the City's history. Both will focus on Rockville's recent past.

The first will look at Rockville in the 1950's and

the changes and nature of the community after World War II.

The other program will focus on different types of architecture in Rockville following the war. Each program is newly produced and will premiere on TRC in May.

TRC also will air encore presentations of two other historic-related programs during May.

"Exploring Rockville's History" is a program based on several historic sites in Rockville that have been in-

corporated into an historical walking tour. "Historic Designation" examines Rockville's program for preserving buildings and areas that are a part of Rockville's rich history.


For the days and times these programs will air in May, see the TRC program schedule below.

As it does every month, TRC also will provide live and replay coverage of the Historic District Commission meeting. The commission meets Thursday, May 18, 7



p.m., at City Hall. TRC also is available via Internet-connected computer. Click on the TRC 11 logo to access the network via the City of Rockville's Web site on www.rockvillemd.gov. [RR](#)

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL MAY PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 Midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission ▼	Historic District Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Historic District Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
6 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 a.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 a.m.	Exploring Rockville's History	Croydon Creek Nature Center	Exploring Rockville's History	Croydon Creek Nature Center	Exploring Rockville's History	Croydon Creek Nature Center	Exploring Rockville's History
7:30 a.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
8 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 a.m.	Historic District Commission ▼	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council ▼
9 a.m.	▼	Hi-Tech Patrol	Budget Presentation	Hi-Tech Patrol	Budget Presentation	Hi-Tech Patrol	▼
9:30 a.m.	▼	Red Light Green Light	Every 15 Minutes	Red Light Green Light	Every 15 Minutes	Red Light Green Light	▼
10 a.m.	▼	Rockville's Recent Past: 1950's	Rockville's Recent Past: Modernism ▼	Rockville's Recent Past: 1950's	Rockville's Recent Past: Modernism ▼	Rockville's Recent Past: 1950's	▼
10:30 a.m.	▼	Every 15 Minutes	▼	Every 15 Minutes	▼	Every 15 Minutes	▼
11 a.m.	▼	Budget Presentation	Red Light Green Light	Budget Presentation	Red Light Green Light	Budget Presentation	Cityline
11:30 a.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 p. m. until meeting ends	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Historic District Commission ▼	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
4 p.m.	Rockville U: Public Safety ▼	▼	Rockville U: Public Safety ▼	Rockville U: Public Safety ▼	▼	Rockville U: Public Safety ▼	▼
4:30 p.m.	▼	Croydon Creek Nature Center	▼	▼	Croydon Creek Nature Center	▼	Croydon Creek Nature Center
5 p.m.	Every 15 Minutes	Hi-Tech Patrol	Every 15 Minutes	Hi-Tech Patrol	Every 15 Minutes	Hi-Tech Patrol	Every 15 Minutes
5:30 p.m.	Historic Designation	Exploring Rockville's History	Historic Designation	Exploring Rockville's History	Historic Designation	Exploring Rockville's History	Historic Designation
6 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 p.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
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7:30 p.m.	▼	▼	Budget Presentation	▼	Budget Presentation	▼	Budget Presentation
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9:30 p.m.	▼	▼	Cityline	▼	Cityline	▼	Cityline
10 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
10:30 p.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
11 p.m.	Budget Presentation	Every 15 Minutes	Hi-Tech Patrol	Budget Presentation	Hi-Tech Patrol	Budget Presentation	Hi-Tech Patrol
11:30 p.m.	Croydon Creek Nature Center	Historic Designation	Every 15 Minutes	Croydon Creek Nature Center	Every 15 Minutes	Croydon Creek Nature Center	Historic Designation



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Mayor and Council Urge Verizon To Negotiate, Install Fiber Installation

Rockville's Mayor and Council on April 10 unanimously passed a resolution urging Verizon to provide competitive high-speed Internet service in Rockville without having taxpayers, in effect, subsidize a private commercial venture through significantly reduced permit fees.

No other private entity has requested these fees be waived or reduced.

Verizon's request for sharply reduced permit fees is holding up negotiations on an agreement that would allow Verizon to use the public right-of-ways (ROW) to install fiber optic cable. This has meant that residents and businesses in Rockville, and in some adjoining areas just outside of the City, have been unable to obtain the company's FiOS service (high speed Internet service) that is available in some other parts of the Washington region.

The City is asking Verizon to pay the standard fees that were set by the Mayor and Council based on a cost of services study that a consultant provided to the City in 2000. The fees were adjusted in 2003.

Excavation and installation of wiring and cables of all types have become a nationwide issue. There have been many reports of utilities and

their installation contractors creating damage, leaving public areas in worse than original condition and causing service interruptions by cutting other utility wiring during their installation work.

"These types of problems, if experienced in Rockville, will require additional City staff time and resources to address," says the resolution that the Mayor and Council passed.

Rockville's permit fee structure calls for companies to pay \$4.35 per linear foot for excavations of City streets. For excavations of sidewalks and grass areas of City right-of-ways, utilities are required to pay \$2.20 per linear foot. To install overhead wires, Rockville's fees are six cents per linear foot.

"The City has diligently and in good faith pursued these negotiations and, when there have been delays, has repeatedly invited Verizon to continue negotiations," reads the resolution. "Progress has been made on several provisions of the proposed agreement. ... In the negotiations, Verizon has requested a discount of 85 percent of the City's established permit fees. ... Such a discount would amount to a subsidization of a commercial entity by Rockville taxpayers." **RR**

Mayor and Council Continue Support for RedGate

The Mayor and Council expressed their support for RedGate Golf Course at a meeting in March while the course continues its work toward getting out of the red.

As an enterprise fund, the City's municipal golf course operation is designed to pay for itself—something it has not done since Fiscal Year 2000.

Prior to 2000, the course operated solidly in the black for 25 years. However, extensive periods of wet weather, the sniper events of 2003, maintenance expenses, increased administrative fees and stiff competition in the region, have contributed to the course missing its financial marks. As of February, the fund had a cumulative negative balance of \$535,000.

"I'm interested in trying to find ways to preserve this asset," said Councilmember Bob Dorsey. Mayor Larry Giammo



RedGate is swinging into 2006 with new strategies.

wanted to see a more detailed business plan for the course.

"We need additional analysis and effort to bring the enterprise fund to a break even point," he said.

The Mayor and Council supported that RedGate continue operating as an enterprise fund while it works toward becoming financially healthy during the next three to five years. **RR**



FOR THE LOVE OF TREES... Councilmember Bob Dorsey (seventh from left) joined the City's celebration of Arbor Day at Croydon Creek Nature Center on April 14 by helping plant a tree.

Study Says City Could Use New Science Center

A report presented to the Mayor and Council on March 27 found that a new Rockville Science Center could be in the City's future.

In June 2004, the City commissioned a study to investigate if a science center would be feasible in Rockville. The study recommended that an interactive, biotechnology-focused center is feasible and could attract between 80,000 to 120,000 visitors annually.

The initial plan for the science center suggests that it would be owned and operated as a nonprofit organization with a volunteer board of directors.

The report also suggested that the City pursue a partnership with the Baltimore-based Maryland Science Center, which has expressed an interest in establishing an ongoing relationship with a new center in Rockville.

According to the consultants' recommendations, a Rockville science center should be devel-

oped in phases. The earliest stage would introduce science programs at existing City facilities, libraries and schools. As support for the center grows, it could then move into a dedicated rental space. The ultimate goal is to locate the center in its own 20,000-square-foot facility.

The center will be funded through admission fees, memberships, grants and ongoing fundraising.

"This is a win-win situation for the City of Rockville," said Councilmember Phyllis Marcuccio. "We are not only a biotech community, but also an educated community. We need to continue to bring opportunities to our children to be our scientists of the future."

The City will be working to assist with the establishment of a "pre-board" of volunteers to lead the project as well as to assist with fundraising efforts, a site search and interim programming. **RR**

Twinbrook Mobile Phone Tower Meeting on May 6

Representatives of Sprint (APC Realty & Equipment LLC), a global provider of voice, data and Internet services, have been tentatively rescheduled to appear before the City's Board of Appeals on Saturday, May 6, at 9:30 a.m. at Rockville City Hall to ask for a special exception to install and operate a mobile telephone tower and accompanying equipment compound near the Twinbrook Mart Shopping Center.

The proposed tower would be approximately 98 feet tall—48 feet taller than the 50-foot height limit for a facility of this type when it is located within

500 feet of a residential zone. It would be located in the rear of the existing U.S. Post Office branch at 2001 Veirs Mill Road.

The matter also must be presented to the Mayor and Council for a waiver of the 50-foot maximum height limit. A date for that meeting has not yet been set.

For more information and to confirm meeting times, call the City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services at 240-314-8200. Also, check the City's Board of Appeals Web site under Boards and Commissions on www.rockvillemd.gov. **RR**



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Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, the Councilmember scheduled for May is:

- **Monday, May 15:**
Susan Hoffmann

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11), and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. Citizens may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most general session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- **May 1 (Mon.)** Budget Public Hearing No. 2, 7 p.m.
- **May 8 (Mon.)** Citizens' Forum. Public Hearings: Joseph Street (Tent.), Centex Homes, 302 Lincoln Avenue, 7 p.m.
- **May 11 (Thurs.)** Discussion with the Cultural Arts Commission on Town Center public art, 7 p.m.
- **May 15 (Mon.)** Mayor and Council Budget Worksession No. 1, 7 p.m.
- **May 22 (Mon.)** Mayor and Council Budget Worksession No. 2, 7 p.m.
- **May 30 (Tues.)** Mayor and Council Budget Worksession No. 3 (if needed), 7 p.m.

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Human Services Advisory Commission (one at-large)
- Human Rights Commission (one)
- Montgomery Community Television (MCT) Board of Directors (City of Rockville representative)
- Rec. and Parks Advisory (youth)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (one)
- Rockville Scholarship Foundation (two)
- Rockville Sister City Corp. (two)
- Senior Citizens Commission (one)
- Traffic and Transportation (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.